

Wednesday, September 24, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed FDA Reform.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9811-S9909

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 1210-1218, and S. Res. 123-125. **Pages S9886-87**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1216, to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement. (S. Rept. No. 105-84)

S. 738, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-85)

S. 1020, to amend the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 and the Art and Artifacts Indemnity Act to improve and extend the Acts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-86)

H.R. 2443, to designate the Federal building located at 601 Fourth Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia, as the "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building", in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisano, and Edwin R. Woodruffe.

H. Con. Res. 99, expressing concern over recent events in the Republic of Sierra Leone in the wake of the recent military coup d'etat of that country's first democratically elected president.

S. Res. 123, honoring the memory of former Peace Corps Director Loret Miller Ruppe.

S. 1015, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1211, to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs.

S. Con. Res. 51, expressing the sense of Congress regarding elections for the legislature of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. **Page S9980**

Measures Passed:

FDA Modernization and Accountability Act: By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 256), Senate passed S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, as amended, and after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9811-68**

Adopted:

Jeffords (for Hutchinson) Modified Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1130), to improve the provisions relating to the application of Federal law to the practice of pharmacy compounding. **Page S9849**

Vessel Certificate of Documentation: Senate passed S. 542, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Far Horizons*. **Page S9906**

Vessel Certificate of Documentation: Senate passed S. 662, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Vortice*, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9906-07**

Vessel Certificate of Documentation: Senate passed S. 880, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Dusken IV*, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9907**

Commending Dr. Jason C. Hu: Senate agreed to S. Res. 125, commending Dr. Jason C. Hu, Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States. **Page S9907**

Gold Medal Award: Senate passed H.R. 2248, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace, clearing the measure for the President.

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Federal Building Designation: Senate passed H.R. 2443, to designate the Federal building located at 601 Fourth Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia, as the “Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building”, in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisano, and Edwin R. Woodruffe, clearing the measure for the President.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 1156, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Faircloth/Boxer Amendment No. 1248, to make technical corrections.

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Pending:

Coats Amendment No. 1249, to provide scholarship assistance for District of Columbia elementary and secondary school students.

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Wyden Amendment No. 1250, to establish that it is the standing order of the Senate that a Senator who objects to a motion or matter shall disclose the objection in the Congressional Record.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and the amendments pending thereto, on Thursday, September 25, 1997.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 1249, listed above and, by unanimous consent, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, September 30, 1997.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations—Conference Report: By 90 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 257), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Tax Treaty with Ireland (Treaty Doc. 105–31).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the continuation of the emergency with respect to UNITA; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–68).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Sheila Foster Anthony, of Arkansas, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1995.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Arthur J. Tarnow, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

George Caram Steeh III, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Shaun Edward Donnelly, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives.

Edward S. Walker, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Israel.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total–257)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, September 25, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S9908–09.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief concluded oversight hearings on the operation of the Federal Housing Finance Board, which oversees the administration and enforcement of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, after receiving testimony from Bruce A. Morrison, Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board.

AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness concluded hearings to examine the economic impact of the Environmental Protection Agency's revisions to the particulate matter and ozone ambient standards on certain manufacturers, jobs, and competitiveness in the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Inhofe; Representatives Dingell, Upton, and Shays; Jeffrey C. Smith, Institute of Clean Air Companies, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Scott Holman, Sr., Bay Cast Technologies, Bay City, Michigan; B.J. Mason, Mid-Atlantic Finishing, Capitol Heights, Maryland, on behalf of the American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Society, the National Association of Metal Finishers, and the Metal Finishing Suppliers' Association; Benjamin E. Ramsey, Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council, Indianapolis; Arland Stephens, Norwich, Kansas, on behalf of the Kansas Farm Bureau; Jason Grumet, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, Boston, Massachusetts; and Art McGee, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Flint, Michigan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 967, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to benefit Alaska natives and rural residents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1158, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1159, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Kake Tribal Corporation

public interest land exchange, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1092, to provide for a transfer of land interests in order to facilitate surface transportation between the cities of Cold Bay, Alaska, and King Cove, Alaska;

S. 1015, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 846, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii;

S. 439, to provide for Alaska State jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects, to address voluntary licensing of hydroelectric projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii, and to provide an exemption for a portion of a hydroelectric project located in the State of New Mexico, with amendments;

S. 587, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hindsdale, Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of H.R. 951, House companion measure.);

S. 588, to provide for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within the Arapaho National Forest and the White River National Forest in Colorado, to include land known as the Slate Creek Addition, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of H.R. 985, House companion measure.);

S. 589, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest in Colorado, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of H.R. 1019, House companion measure.);

S. 591, to transfer the Dillon Ranger District in the Arapaho National Forest to the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of H.R. 1020, House companion measure.);

S. 750, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests in order to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;